

Site M:26/10/15

Baptist Parsonage

9 North Adams Street

Built: 1886

Private/Restricted Access

This house was built to house the Baptist ministers and their families in 1886 and served that purpose until 1907. Of frame construction over a stone foundation, only its massing and three-bay recessed front porch with early 20th century detailing (added) are original. It is now used as a law office.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. *MP 26/10/15*

Magi No. 1650312611

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Baptist parsonage

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 9 North Adams Street not for publicationcity, town Rockville vicinity of congressional district 8state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William H. and R. L. Clarke et alstreet & number 5 North Adams Street telephone no.: 762-2102city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20850

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Land Records liberstreet & number Montgomery County Courthouse foliocity, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title National Register - West Montgomery Avenue Historic District - 1974
Locally designated historic district - 1974date M-NCPPC - 1976 ☒ federal ☒ state ☒ county ☒ localdepository for survey records City of Rockvillecity, town Rockville state Maryland

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This five bay by two bay 2 1/2 story frame house faces west on lot 77 of the original Town of Rockville, at the corner of North Adams Street and West Middle Lane. As befits a residence for Baptist ministers and their families, it was constructed with few of the extra features fashionable in 1886.

The house has an uneven L shape, and sits on a stone foundation. The gable roofs are covered with asphalt, and there is an interior brick chimney at the southeast corner. Each facade has a gable end. The house is now sheathed in aluminum "German" siding.

On the front (west) facade, the brick walk leads to a shed-roofed wood porch which spans the recessed, south three bays; the four round porch columns are tapered. The entrance door is in the center of the five-bay facade, surmounted by a single-light transom. The two north bays on this facade project out from the other three, and have a front-facing gable. The bay window which once graced the first floor has been replaced by a modern three-section one, and only slits remain where the ventilator has been covered by siding. Windows on the second floor around the house are the original two-over-two double-hung sash. The two south bays on the first floor of this west facade have likewise been changed from two long windows to a modern three-section opening.

The rear (east) facade once had a full-width porch, but now has a service porch and stairs leading from the house (raised because of the slope of the land off to the east).

The house now appears as it did following the renovation for offices--aluminum siding, soffits and cornice, narrow cornerboards, and no adornment. Much of the yard is enclosed by a board fence, and there is a parking lot to the rear.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1886 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This house was constructed in 1886 to serve as the Baptist Parsonage. Robert Wallace, a Justice of the Orphans Court in 1813, owned this lot (#77) and another in Rockville. He never built on this lot, which was valued on the Tax Records at \$30.75 in 1831 and \$50 in 1853. It was not until the death of his son Richard in 1884 that the Wallace heirs sold the property.

The Baptists had established a congregation in Rockville in 1821; the church and cemetery were located on Jefferson Street in 1823. The first pastor, Joseph H. Jones, built the house at 106 N. Adams and served the Church until 1845 when he moved to Frederick. His son, Spencer C. Jones, returned to Rockville after the Civil War for a successful career as a lawyer, politician, and finally Mayor of Rockville in 1898. In 1884 Spencer Jones purchased the Wallace lot and donated the land to his father's old congregation for the building of a parsonage.

The parsonage cost \$2515.04 to erect, and in 1887 the newspaper reported that the final \$640 due had been raised. The building housed the pastors and their families until 1907. When the Baptists built their second Church on Washington Street, they built on the presumed site of the Hungerford Tavern. When the land next to the new church became available in 1914, a new "English Cottage" style house was built for the pastor.

W. Robert Lyddane purchased #9 in 1908 from the Baptist Church for \$3,100 and lived in it for many years. Several subsequent owners (West, Dronenburg, Anderson) either lived in the house or rented it to tenants, but it remained a private residence until its purchase and renovation as a law office, 1970–75.

1. Montgomery County Tax Assessments, various years; Hopkins Atlas of 1879, shows no improvement on the lot.
2. Montgomery County Land Records, Liber EBP 32, folio 386.
3. Sentinel 1886, October 7, 1887, 10/23/15.
4. Ibid, September, 1908 and August 19, 1927.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Land and Assessment Records
Montgomery County Sentinel
Histories of the Baptist Church in Rockville
Information from Kathryn Benson, who lived here 1920s

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property — 10,411 square feet

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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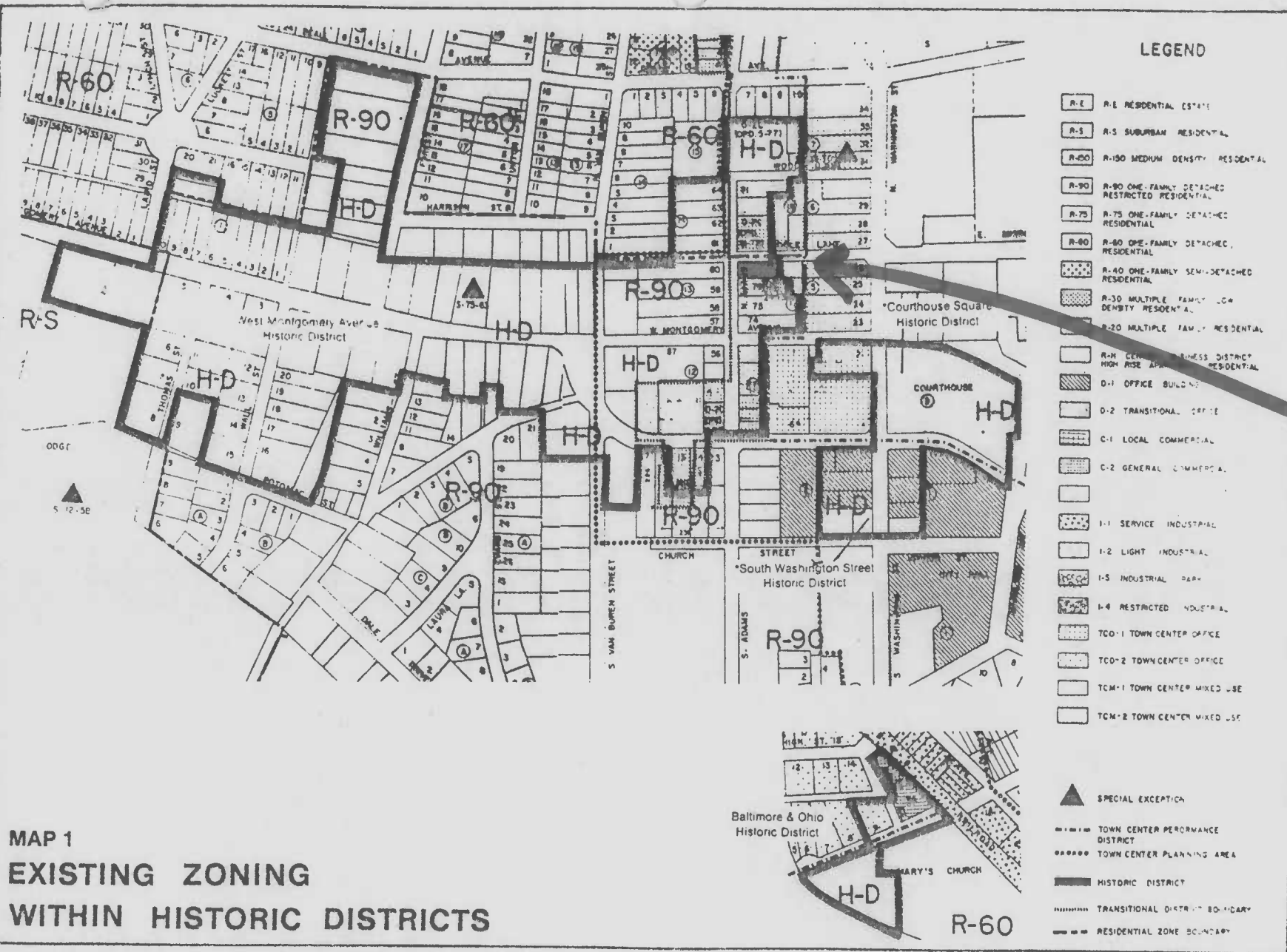
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*Note: For discussion and planning purposes South Washington Street and the Courthouse Square district are considered independent Historic Districts even though they are shown on the existing zoning map as one district.

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